

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of reducing risk in a business process, the method comprising the steps of:
 - dividing the business process into component tasks;
 - identifying for each of the component tasks any other component task that conflict with the component task;
 - establishing at least one assigned task performed by each person involved in the business process; and
 - determining which of the at least one assigned task is a conflicting task.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the steps are performed by a computer software program.
3. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of addressing any conflicting task.

1 4. A system for reducing risk in a business process, the system comprising:
2 means for dividing the business process into component tasks;
3 means for identifying for each of the component tasks any other component task
4 that conflict with the component task;
5 means for establishing at least one assigned task performed by each person
6 involved in the business process; and
7 means for determining which of the at least one assigned task is a conflicting task.

1 5. The system of claim 4, wherein the means for identifying includes a matrix
2 identifying conflicting tasks.

1 6. The system of claim 5, wherein the means for determining compares the at least
2 one assigned task to the conflicting tasks on the matrix.

- 1 7. A computer program product comprising a computer useable medium having
2 computer
3 readable program code embodied therein for reducing risk in a business process,
4 the program product comprising:
5 program code configured to divide the business process into component tasks;
6 program code configured to identify for each of the component tasks any other
7 component task that conflict with the component task;
8 program code configured to establish at least one assigned task performed by each
9 person involved in the business process; and
10 program code configured to determine which of the at least one assigned task is a
11 conflicting task.
- 1 8. The system of claim 7, wherein the program code configured to identify includes a
2 matrix identifying conflicting tasks.
- 1 9. The system of claim 8, wherein the program code configured to determine
2 compares the at least one assigned task to the conflicting tasks on the matrix.